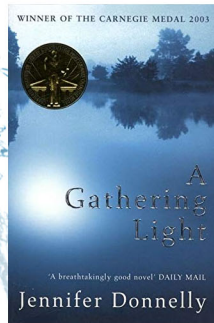


YEAR 9 READING LIST

MYSTERY



A Gathering Light By Jennifer Donnelly

Mattie is given a bundle of letters to burn by a female guest at the hotel. The next day, the woman is found drowned: murdered.

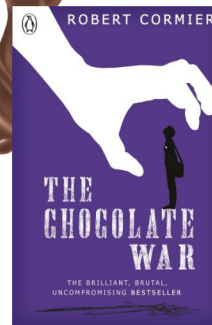
After the Fire By Will Hill

Moonbeam lived inside the fence where Father John controlled everything, but she is starting to see the lies behind Father John's words. Then comes the fire...



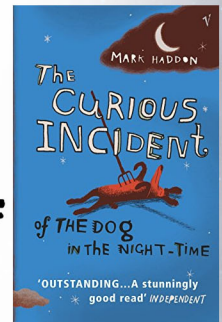
The Chocolate War By Robert Cormier

When Jerry challenges a secret school society called The Vigils, his act of defiance turns into an all-out war. Now the only question is: Who will survive?



Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time By Mark Haddon

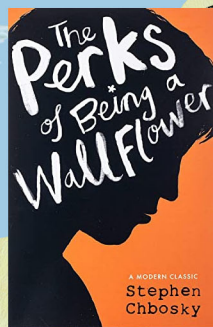
When Christopher falls under suspicion for killing his neighbour's dog, he decides to find out the truth, which takes him on a journey that upturns his world.



COMING OF AGE

Toffee By Sarah Crossan

Allison has run away from home and she lives in the shed of what she thinks is an abandoned house. Then, she meets its owner, Marla, who has dementia.



This is a story of what it's like to grow up in high school. Charlie is caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it.

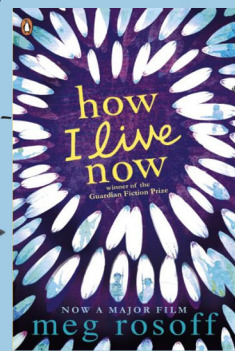
Paper Towns By John Green

When Margo goes missing, Quentin soon learns that there are clues in her disappearance and they are for him!



How I Live Now By Meg Rosoff

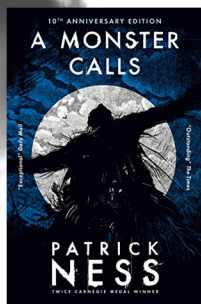
When Daisy's dad sends her away to live in the English countryside, her world is turned upside down when the bombs begin to fall.



FANTASY

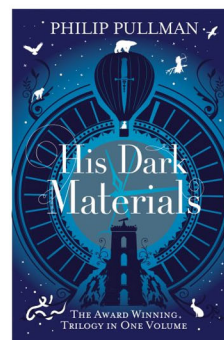
The Lord of the Rings By J.R.R. Tolkien

The people of Middle-earth- Men, Elves, Dwarves, and Hobbits- must destroy the One Ring and saving Middle-earth from the dark power of Lord Sauron.



A Monster Calls By Patrick Ness

When Connor awakes, there's a visitor at his window. It's an ancient creature, a force of nature, and it wants the truth.



His Dark Materials By Phillip Pullman

Lyra and Will travel on a dangerous journey through parallel worlds to discover truths that will change their lives and the universe forever.

Looking Glass Wars By Frank Beddor

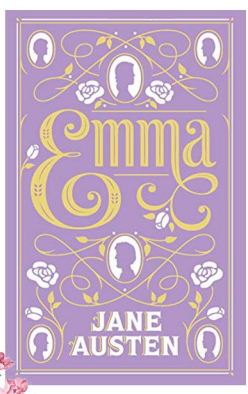
Alyss Heart flees Wonderland and finds herself lost and alone in Victorian London. Thankfully, the Royal Bodyguard is searching for Alyss to return her to Wonderland, to battle her aunt for her rightful place as the Queen of Hearts



CLASSIC

A Christmas Carol By Charles Dickens

When three ghosts pay Ebenezer Scrooge a visit on Christmas eve, he is given the opportunity to change his ways and be transformed by the spirit of Christmas.

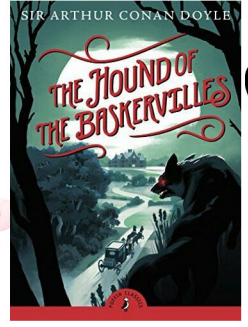


Emma By Jane Austen

Nothing delights Emma Woodhouse more than interfering in the lives of the inhabitants of her sleepy little village and playing matchmaker with devastating effects.

Hound of the Baskervilles By Arthur Conan Doyle

When Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead on the moorland, it is left to Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson to solve the mystery before Sir Charles' heir comes to an equally gruesome end.

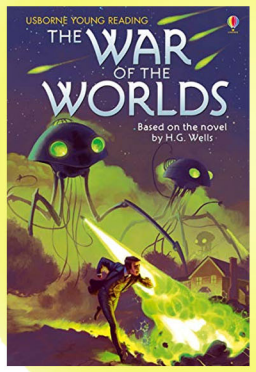


Jane Eyre By Charlotte Bronte

When Jane arrives at Thornfield Hall, she finds herself drawn to her employer, but Rochester is hiding a secret that will force Jane to choose between her heart and her principles.

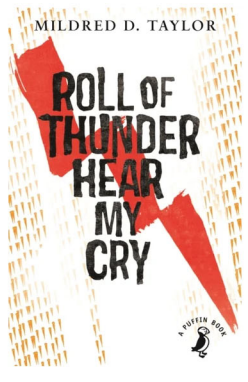
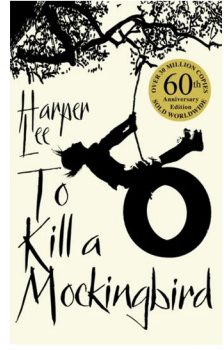
War of the Worlds By H.G. Wells

When an alien spaceship lands on Earth, crowds of onlookers gather. But wonder soon turns to terror when the Martians emerge armed with deadly heat rays.



To Kill a Mockingbird By Harper Lee

Set in the 1930s in Alabama, the novel explores the idea of justice, the loss of innocence and the realisation that a place can be both a beloved childhood home and a source of evil.



Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry By Mildred D. Taylor

The book follows Cassie Logan - a feisty African-American girl - as she grows up in Mississippi during the Great Depression and learns the shocking realities of racism.

Lord of the Flies By William Golding

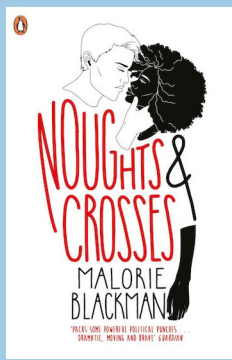
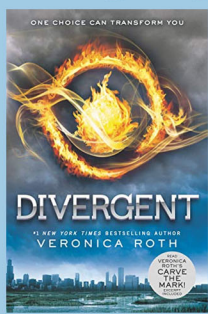
On a deserted island, a group of boys must face their fears and themselves as they battle for survival.



DYSTOPIAN

Divergent By Veronica Roth

Society is divided into five factions. On an appointed day of the year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is, so she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

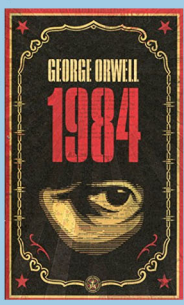
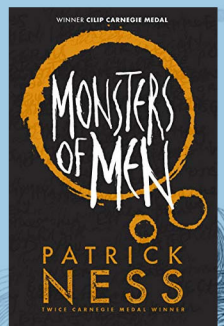


Noughts and Crosses By Malorie Blackman

Sephy and Callum have been friends since they were children, but they know that's as far as it can ever go. Noughts and Crosses are fated to be bitter enemies. Then these star-crossed lovers choose each other, a romance that will lead both of them into terrible danger.

Monsters of Men By Patrick Ness

As a world-ending war surges to life around them, Todd and Viola are caught in the middle, with no chance of escape. As the battles commence, how can they hope to stop the fighting? How can there ever be peace when they're so hopelessly outnumbered?



Nineteen Eighty-Four By George Orwell

The party controls every aspect of people's lives and if they disobey, they will be sent to Room 101 as punishment. With Julia, Winston Smith begins a fight for freedom and justice, in a world where no one else appears to see, or dislike, the oppression being imposed by 'Big Brother'.

